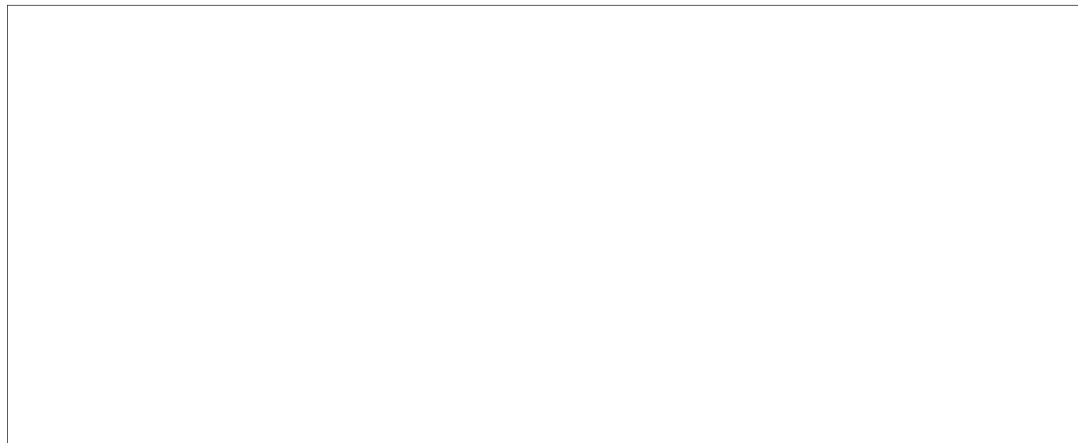


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2. Indian thinking on US role in Kashmir dispute--In a discussion of possible UN action on the Kashmir dispute, Secretary General Bajpai of the Ministry of External Affairs told US Ambassador Henderson that he personally hoped the US would not at this time take the lead in any action which might be construed as bringing pressure on India regarding Kashmir. Bajpai thinks that if the US initiates or plays the leading role in such action, it would be difficult to convince the Indian press and people that the US was not "getting back" at India for the position India had assumed on Korea and the Far East.



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3. UNITED KINGDOM: Support for Attlee Government lessens--US Embassy London transmits the results of a recent Gallup Poll which shows that since December 1950 Conservative



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strength has risen sharply (from 46 to 51 percent), with a corresponding decline in support for the Labor Government (43 to 38 percent). The poll indicated that only twice since 1945 has confidence in the government been so low, once after the dollar crisis in 1947 and once after devaluation in 1949. An analysis of the poll reveals that support for the government fell off most sharply among the lower income groups and the trade unions, the principal reasons being the rise in the cost of living, shortages of food and fuel, and steel nationalization. (The British Gallup Poll has a consistent record for accuracy in previous surveys of public opinion.)

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